

Almena City Council

The Almena City Council was called to order at 7 PM on Monday, September 14, 2020 by Mayor Tracy Stutsman. Answering roll call were Amy Chandler, Bob Hawks, Ethan Hays, & Kevin Sides. A quorum was declared. The minutes from the last meeting were read by City Clerk, Cathy Rivera. It was moved and seconded to approve the August 2020 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

The Agenda was adopted with 3 additions: 7e City Wide Cleanup, 7f House on 308 Benton, 7g UM Church Bell.

Fire Chief report – Fire Chief was not present

Visitor Recognition

- Mike Posson, Norton County Economic Development talked about Spark Community Relief funds grant, and gave an overview of the Housing Plan.
- Norton County Emergency Management Director, Troy Blevins discussed and overview of procedures in the event of an emergency in the City of Almena.

New Business

- Hearings on Resolutions 2020-0003, & 0004 were signed by Mayor Stutsman with an expected completion by April 1, 2021. Motion Carried.
- Roger Archer & Elaine Johnson were present to request the Senior Citizens possibly using the Community Building on a regular basis for possible prepared meals, and other activities. The Council responded favorably to this and more details will be worked out regarding the schedules of activities and possible rental fee amount.
- Resolution 2020-0005 on 306 Davis was signed by Mayor Stutsman with an expected completion by April 1, 2021. Motion Carried.
- Letter regarding party purchasing 802 Pratt Avenue.
- Request City Wide Clean up for Fall if possible.
- Discussed the City acquiring the property at 308 Benton.
- Discussed United Methodist Church Bell and the possibility of moving it to the Community Building lawn.

Old Business

- It was decided not to purchase the Plexi Glass for the Community Building kitchen.
- Council member requested on using a house inspector from Norton, KS. Chandler will look into it.

Attorney Report

- Update on 802 Pratt. Owner didn't show up for the hearing. This should be resolved by the next council meeting
- Provision is being adopted that the City only has to notify an owner once per year of weed/grass violation. MOTION CARRIED.

City Operator Report:

- No Report

City Clerk Report

- Fall Vendor Fair is November 7, 2020. Request to purchase 6-8 new tables. The council agreed to this.
- Special Assessments were submitted to the County.
- Discussed Continuous leak letters that were sent out recently.

Financial Report

- Approve Bills MOTION CARRIED.
- Balance Sheet
- Check register
- Budget to Actual Quarterly.
- Delinquent accounts were viewed.

With no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2020, at 7 PM.

Jeniece Schemper, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes are not approved until next meeting.